

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and Warrant for 2016 on Monday, **January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm** at the Community Development Department, in accordance with RSA 32. A second hearing, if necessary, will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm, at the Community Development Department. The proposed budget figures are as follows:

General Government	\$ 2,311,375.00
Public Safety	\$ 7,176,335.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges	\$ 1,219,250.00
Sanitation	\$ 819,550.00
Health and Human Services	\$ 34,760.00
Welfare	\$ 57,040.00
Culture and Recreation*	\$ 1,423,760.00
Debt Service	\$ 173,279.39
Capital Outlay - Roads	\$ 360,000.00
Total Proposed Budget	<u>\$13,575,349.39</u>

** does include \$5,560 for Conservation Commission*

Note that the Default Budget for 2016 would be \$13,337,634.39

The Selectmen will also address all Petition and Special Warrant Articles including:

(1)	\$ 50,000	For Property Maintenance Trust.
(2)	\$ 30,000	For Earned Time Trust.
(3)	\$ 32,500	For Searles School Marketing and Maintenance - funding to come from Searles Revenue Fund.
(4)	\$ 75,100	To pay the final payment of a 3-year lease taken out in 2014 for a new Ambulance; this is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(5)	\$ 180,000	To purchase a 5-ton Highway truck - appropriation of \$180,000 to be offset by a State of N.H. Salt Reduction Grant of \$144,000 with the balance of \$36,000 to come from the 2016 budget; part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(6)	\$ 90,000	For improvements to the former Skate Park at Griffin Park - passive recreation areas for both seniors and children including a gazebo, ADA compliant chess/checker and picnic tables, and chalk art space; also landscaping beautification with pavers and cemented benches; part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(7)	\$ 50,000	To hire a consultant to complete a full inventory, analysis and digitization of Town records held in the town vault, along with a software application for remote access to the files; part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(8)	\$ 50,000	To complete update of the Town's Master Plan, including hiring a consultant to assist the Planning Board with research of information and document editing/formatting.
(9)		To designate the following parcel as conservation under the care of the Conservation Commission: 1-B-1025 (Blueberry Road).
(10)		To authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the former Police Station location at 21 Haverhill Road (Lot 20-D-900) to Jay Yennaco for a period of up to 25 years (5 - 5 year leases) under terms acceptable to the Board including but not limited to: annual lease payment of \$2,796, payment of annual real estate taxes (currently \$8,000), and an option for leasee to have "right of first refusal" to purchase the property.

(11)		To release the lot of land associated with a proposed future road off of Rock Pond Rd between lots 25-D-3 and 25-D-2 from public dedication and further to convey said parcel to the abutter, George Kimball, for \$2,000 and under terms acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.
(12)		To discontinue the sections of the Old Route 111 which lie outside the State right-of-way which were turned over to the town. Said sections lie along the existing Rte 111 in front of parcels 11-A-450 (1 Indian Rock Rd) and 11-A-500 (7 Indian Rock Rd).
(13)		To adopt By-Laws for the Management of Campbell Farm; owned by the Town and under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission.
(14)		To convey a third party conservation easement to the Southeast Land Trust of NH on town conservation parcels formerly known as 8-B-3002, 8-B-5000, and 8-B-6150; said easements shall qualify the Town for possible receipt of certain grant funds to reimburse the Town Conservation Fund for a portion of the acquisition costs of said parcels.
(15)		To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Clerk position on a salary and benefit basis beginning April 1, 2016; the Town, in turn, would begin receiving all fees collected by the Clerk's office.
\$ 557,600 Subtotal Special Articles		

	2016	2015	\$ Inc/(Dec)	% Inc/(Dec)
Operating Budget	\$ 13,575,349.39	\$ 13,790,484.39		
Special Articles	\$ 557,600.00	\$ 80,000.00		
Gross Appropriation	\$ 14,132,949.39	\$ 13,870,484.39	\$ 262,465.00	1.892%
Less: Revenues	\$ (176,500.00)	\$ (398,530.00)		
Total Budget (Net)	\$ 13,956,449.39	\$ 13,471,954.39	\$ 484,495.00	3.596%

As exhibited above, if all special articles are approved (total \$557,600), the gross appropriation will increase by \$262,465 or 1.892% over 2015. The total gross budget for 2016 would then be \$14,132,949.39 before use of other revenue sources.

The 2016 net budget, on which the tax rate is set, would be \$13,956,449.39 which represents a total budget increase of \$484,495, or 3.596% after taking into account the use of \$32,500 from the Searles Revenue Fund, and a \$144,000 State Highway Grant, (grand total of \$176,500 in revenue).

Note: The above figures, if we consider the "revenue" offset of \$85,779.39 from the Conservation Fund to pay the debt payment, would be:

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Less: Revenues	\$ (176,500.00)	\$ (398,530.00)		
Less: Conservation	\$ (85,779.39)	\$ (85,779.39)		
Total Budget (Net)	\$ 13,870,670.00	\$ 13,386,175.00	\$ 484,495.00	3.619%

Dated: December 29, 2015

**Posted by: David Sullivan
Town Administrator**